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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2004 subjecting Claims 1-43 to Restriction in the above-identified patent application.

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C 121 between the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-36, drawn to a Microfluidic device classified in class 422, subclass 100.

Group II: Claims 37-43, drawn to a method of separating, classified in class 137, subclass 68.11.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group II set of claims (37-43) without traverse.

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